

REMARKS

In response to the official office action of October 20 2004, applicants disagree with the examiner's rejection of claims 5 & 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103, because none of the stated prior art describes nor suggests putting wound-sealing wax in combination with honey upon gauze which is attached to the support strip of material, a functional limitation not described by at least one of the stated references. Kalish describes an impregnated bandage, but does not describe combining honey and wound-sealing wax and putting them upon the gauze. Mousa describes a honey preparation including beeswax, but does not teach the feature of putting honey and wound-sealing wax on the gauze which is attached to the support strip of material. The feature and limitation of disposing wound-sealing wax upon the gauze along with the honey is not described, nor suggested in any of the prior art in whole or even in part. Nowhere is it suggested nor disclosed to dispose wound-sealing wax on gauze in combination with honey other than in the present invention. In addition, the inherent function of the present invention not only protects the wound but also facilitates the healing of the wound. The prior art does not provide this type of inherent function. As result, this particular feature and limitation is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 which states that in order for a claim to obvious. Futhermore, I was presented with a very similar case five years ago where the examiner of that case rejected the inventor's application basically for the very same reasons as in the present invention. However, upon appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the rejection was totally reversed, and the inventor was granted a patent for every one of his claims. I have faxed herewith a copy of that decision (ex parte Michael C. Bosch) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Applicants have not added any new subject matter to the claims and respectfully request that the examiner takes the foregoing into

consideration and that they be granted Letters Patent for their invention.

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